



Drug-dealing in the neighbourhood: the signs and what to do about it

Signs of drug dealing

- There are lots of visitors to the address for short periods of time and the visits may be at unusual hours
- The curtains may be always closed
- Occupants of address may appear paranoid or anti-social to neighbours
- Visitors may park nearby and walk in to the address instead of driving in
- Visitors may appear nervous or furtive and appear very keen to return to their vehicle when leaving
- One person may approach the address, leaving others in their car waiting
- Address may have visible video surveillance cameras and/or dogs
- Address more likely to be a rental property
- Occupants or visitors may appear to be gang associated or wear gang insignia or colours

What to Do

- Make observations of people who live at the address and who visit the address
- Take vehicle registrations numbers and descriptions if you can do so safely
- Keep notes of your observations
- Consider using motion activated security lights at your property, especially if their activation illuminates visitors to the suspected address
- If you feel comfortable talking with police then contact your local police station, your conversation will be completely anonymous if you wish it to be and convey that message to the person you speak with
- If you wish to remain completely anonymous call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 or complete an online form at www.crimestoppers-nz.org/about/contact-us . Provide as much detail as possible.

Advice provided by the Nelson Bays police.

